

**MINUTES OF THE**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 6:30 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Louise Johnston, Chair  
Pamela Kolochuk, Vice-Chair  
Josie Landry, Trustee  
Sandy Nemeth, Trustee  
Robert Page, Trustee  
Tom Parker, Trustee  
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee  
Cindy Turner, Trustee  
Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO  
Marna Kenny, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO  
Lisa Aitken, Assistant Superintendent Staff Services  
Jeff Anderson, Divisional Principal  
Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation  
Darcy Cormack, Divisional Principal  
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Systems  
Jennifer Hume, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and Director of Financial Services  
Steve Lawrie, Director of Inclusion and Clinical Services  
Tim MacKay, Director of International Student Program and Newcomer Services  
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant  
Lexi Muisse, Administrative Assistant  
Marlene Murray, Assistant Superintendent Student Services  
Henri Pélouquin, Assistant Superintendent Instructional Services

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The March 2 Regular Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) Board of Trustees was called to order by Louise Johnston, Chair, LRSD Board of Trustees at 6:31 P.M.

There was a moment of silence for a student who passed away last month.

**1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement**

The Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) brings together a community of schools on the traditional land of the Anishinaabek, Ininewak, and Dakota. Our division is located on

the homeland of the Métis. We recognize that Manitoba is also home to the traditional land of the Anishininwak and Dene.

We respect the treaties made on these lands and acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and the present. We dedicate ourselves to authentic alliances with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and cooperation.

*The ongoing development of LRSD'S land acknowledgement is guided by our Indigenous Council of Grandmothers and Grandfathers, and we thank them for their generosity and collaboration.*

## **1.2 Welcome and Announcements**

The Chair welcomed everyone attending this virtual meeting. The Chair noted the use of audio recording at board meetings for accuracy. It was also noted that unless approved, photographs, personal recordings, audio, visual or otherwise, are not permitted.

## **1.3 Affirmation of Vision and Mission**

The Chair read the division's Vision and Mission statements.

## **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

### **2.1 Approval of Agenda for Regular Board Meeting – Mar. 2, 2021**

2020-067

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Landry

THAT the March 2 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### **2.2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – Feb. 16, 2021**

As there were no changes, the Feb. 16 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

## **3. LRSD NEWS**

### **3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Sigurdson**

Trustee Sigurdson highlighted the snow fort built at École Marie-Anne-Gaboury. Schools are finding creative ways to get through the pandemic, involving students and outdoor education.

I tip my hat to the folks at École Marie-Anne-Gaboury who conceived of this (project) especially M. Bohémier and the students who worked so hard. The pictures shared will illustrate the outdoor classroom space including desks and platforms that students could sit on, made by adding food colouring with water and freezing.

This (project) was immensely popular with people stopping by to take pictures. We even made the CTV National News and the local newspapers.

### **3.2 News from Superintendent Michalik**

Superintendent Michalik highlighted kindergarten registration. For the month of March, we will run a registration campaign on social media, our website and on the Winnipeg Free Press website. The digital advertisement during the fourth week of March will reference the last chance to register your child for kindergarten; however, we can register children whenever the need presents.

## **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **4.1 Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee**

Trustee Nemeth, Committee Chair of the Riel-Evate Endowment Fund Committee, provided a verbal update regarding the 50/50 draw launched on March 1 with the final draw on March 26.

## **5. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

### **5.1 Draft Budget 2021-2022**

Superintendent Michalik and Secretary-Treasurer Kenny shared an update regarding the LRSD's Draft Budget Town Hall Live Event held February 23, 2021, and recapped the draft budget coming to the Board for final approval on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at the Special Board Meeting.

## **6. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

### **6.1 Pandemic Updates**

Superintendent Michalik provided pandemic updates.

### **6.2 Learning from Home School Enrolment and Staffing Update**

Superintendent Michalik provided an update regarding enrolment and staffing at the Learning from Home School.

### **6.3 Early Development Instrument (EDI) - Data Collection Paused**

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Murray advised that the province has put the collection of EDI data on pause at this time.

### **6.4 Proposed Capital Projects**

Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, provided a report regarding proposed capital projects.

## **6.5 Notice of Motion by Trustee Landry**

The notice of motion proposed by Trustee Landry will be brought to the March 16 Regular Board Meeting for debate.

## **6.6 Town Hall Live Event February 17, 2021 - Dakota Family of Schools**

Superintendent Michalik shared an update from the Town Hall Live Event held on Feb. 17 highlighting the Dakota Family of Schools.

## **6.7 School Resource Officer (SRO) Management Review Committee Update**

Assistant Superintendent Péroquin shared a verbal update on behalf of the SRO Management Review Committee. Superintendent Michalik confirmed that Fadi Ennab will complete the equity-based independent review of the SRO program in LRSD, which review will commence on immediately.

# **7. POLICY**

## **7.1 Policy Review Committee Update**

2020-068

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Parker

THAT the Board refer the feedback collected by the Superintendent's Policy Review Committee to the Adhoc Recognition Policy Committee for further review and to propose changes to the policy for second reading.

CARRIED

# **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

## **8.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

### **Manitoba Education:**

- (Page 1) Letter from D. Rudy, Deputy Minister RE: Skills Strategy Equipment Enhancement Fund (February 10, 2021)

### **Education Funding Branch:**

- (Page 4) Letter RE: Nelson McIntyre Collegiate – Grooming Room (February 5, 2021)
- (Page 14) Letter RE: Dr. D. W. Penner School – Grooming Room (February 10, 2021)
- (Page 24) Letter RE: Frontenac School – Grooming Room (February 10, 2021)

### **General:**

- (Page 34) Letter from K. Kehler (February 19, 2021)

## **8.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent**

The following correspondence was sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email to A. Campbell and J. Watt at Manitoba School Boards Association (February 17, 2021)
- (Page 2) Email to L. Lawrence at Discovery Time (February 18, 2021)

### **8.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received**

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

#### **Labour Relations:**

- None

#### **General MSBA Correspondence:**

- (Page 1) e-bulletin (February 17, 2021)
- (Page 2) Canada Learning Bond
- (Page 5) Letter RE: Student Citizenship Award (February 20, 2021)
- (Page 6) Response email RE: Manitoba Commission K-12 Report (February 22, 2021)
- (Page 8) Memo: RE: 2021 Presidents' Council Award Nominations: Extended Deadline (February 24, 2021)

## **9. ACTION ITEMS**

## **10. PUBLIC FORUM**

The following members of the public were in attendance and had the opportunity to ask questions regarding this evening's agenda items:

- Irene Bindi
- Itoro Affia
- Jay McGurran
- Maggie Macintosh
- Marcela Cabezas
- Margaret Whitlaw
- Scott Wood

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The March 2 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

“original signed by L. Johnston”

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Chair

“original signed by M. Kenny”

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Secretary-Treasurer